GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2289
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2001
HINDUSTAN INSECTICIDES LIMITED
GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Hindustan Insecticides Limited was set up by Government in1954 with funds gifted by the WHO, to produce 700 tonnes of DDT and its capacity was expanded to 27,000 tonnes by 1989;

(b) whether the Government had banned the use of DDT for agriculture in 1989 inspite of the fact that 75 per cent of DDT is used;

(c) whether the Supreme Court ordered in 1996 for the closure of these units in Delhi;

(d) whether insecticides are poisonous and the company is facing stiff resistance from environmentalists; and

(e) if so, the Government`s plans to resolve this problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a): Yes, Sir. However, the capacity of Delhi unit was raised to 2744 MT DDT Technical per annum in 1969.

(b): Yes, Sir. Government banned the use of DDT for agriculture in 1989.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d)& (e): Insecticides are not poisonous if used as recommended and in accordance with prescribed dosage, method and periodicity. Environmentalists have been resisting the use of certain insecticides. Government has promoted an Integrated PestManagement Programme which attempts rational and optimized use of insecticides with a view to addressing environmental concerns as well.